

directed spending item" means a provision or report language included primarily at the request of a Senator, providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or congressional district, other than

through a statutory or administrative, formula-driven, or competitive award process.

For each item, a Member is required to provide a certification that neither the Member nor the Senator's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in such congressionally directed spending item. Such certifications are available to the public on the website of the Senate Committee on Appropriations (www.appropriations.senate.gov/senators.cfm).

Following is a list of congressionally directed spending items included in the Senate recommendation discussed in this report, along with the name of each Senator who submitted a request to the Committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Neither the Committee recommendation nor this report contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Account	Project	Funding	Member
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
GSA	District of Columbia, DHS Consolidation and development of St. Elizabeths campus	\$346,639,000	The President, Senators Lieberman and Collins Senators Bond, Kerry, Levin, Snowe, and Stabenow
SBA	Veterans Business Resource Centers	\$600,000	
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT			
Corps of Engineers—Construction ..	In response to Hurricane Katrina, levee construction and repair, State of Louisiana	\$1,500,000,000	Senator Landrieu
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Under Secretary for Management	District of Columbia, DHS Consolidation and development of St. Elizabeths campus	\$120,000,000	The President, Senators Collins and Lieberman

Mr. REID. Mr. President, has my friend completed his statement?

Mr. BYRD. Yes. I thank the majority leader.

Mr. REID. I join in the statement of the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee, former majority leader and minority leader, assistant leader, secretary—no one has a more astounding and accomplished record in the Senate than Senator ROBERT BYRD of West Virginia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this will be the last time this year we will be able to vote on an economic recovery package. The plan we vote on today will provide targeted investments that will help working people now, not weeks or months from now. The dollars we invest in this legislation will come right back to our economy by creating jobs, rebuild our crumbling infrastructure and help small businesses grow.

With 605,000 jobs lost this year alone, this legislation extends unemployment benefits by 7 weeks across our country and by 13 weeks States with particularly high unemployment rates.

With States across America facing budget shortfalls as revenue dries up, this legislation provides funds to prevent State services like health care and education from deteriorating.

We invest in energy efficiency and clean energy programs to help Americans switch to cleaner energy sources that will cost less as oil prices continue to reach record highs.

We invest in our crumbling infrastructure, which will not only help small and large businesses but will create nearly 400,000 good jobs.

We help Americans who are at risk of losing their homes by supporting the Federal Housing Administration, providing tools to stop mortgage fraud, and funding legal assistance for foreclosure prevention.

This legislation also invests in job training, health care and small businesses to give our working Americans and our economy a desperately needed boost.

As I have said before, Members of Congress from both parties will continue working as long as it takes to resolve the bailout legislation.

But we do not have to wait until that bill is passed and implemented to help struggling American families and businesses. I urge all my colleagues to support these wise investments in the places and people that need help the most.

TO EXTEND FOR 5 YEARS THE PROGRAM RELATING TO WAIVER OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5571 and we now proceed to its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5571) to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent a Conrad amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I wanted to make sure we had an opportunity to speak for 2½ minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5654) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To reduce the length of the waiver program extension)

On page 2, line 5, strike "June 1, 2013" and insert "March 6, 2009".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 5571), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

EXTENDING THE SPECIAL IMMIGRANT NONMINISTER RELIGIOUS WORKER PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3606.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3606) to extend the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and if there are statements I ask consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 3606) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3606

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as "Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program Act".

SEC. 2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT NONMINISTER RELIGIOUS WORKER PROGRAM.

(a) EXTENSION.—Subclause (II) and subclause (III) of section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)) are amended by striking "October 1, 2008," both places such term appears and inserting "March 6, 2009,".

(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(1) issue final regulations to eliminate or reduce fraud related to the granting of special immigrant status for special immigrants described in subclause (II) or (III) of section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)); and

(2) submit a certification to Congress and publish notice in the Federal Register that